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PLO leader Yasser Arafat makes the victory sign yesterday together with Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ibrahim Yazdi (left) and Seyed Ahmed Khomeini (right), the son of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in front of what was the Israel legation in Teheran. (UPI telephoto)

Iranians vow aid as Arafat makes over Israeli legation

Iranian guerrillas fought alongside PLO terrorists against Israel. PLO leader Yasser Arafat said he was speaking as he officially took over the former Israeli diplomatic mission and proclaimed the office of the PLO in Iran. He said the PLO flag to the cheers of thousands.

Iranian guerrillas are now operating openly after playing an important role in the revolution which ousted the monarchy nine days ago. Arafat flew into Iran unannounced on Saturday, the first prominent visitor to revolutionary Iran. He declared that Iran's revolution has turned the strategic balance in the region "upside down."

Yazdi, however, dodged the question of whether the new Iranian government will provide weapons to the Palestinian Arabs and said that and the question of oil would be discussed at a later time. Khomeini has reportedly assured Arafat that after Iran has been rebuilt from the "ruins" left by the monarchy of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, "we will turn to the issue of victory over Israel."

Khomeini warns 'satanic' leftists

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini warned yesterday that he would crush "satanic" anti-Islamic forces still operating inside Iran with some ruthlessness if he used to. The warnings came amid reports of continued clashes in the country between leftists and pro-Khomeini forces.

Another 25 military leaders. Since the new Islamic government seized power a week ago it has fired around 100 field-grade officers, demoted others, and executed at least four generals. In the latest arrest of prominent officials of the shah's regime, police yesterday picked up Javad Sa'ed, former speaker of the Majlis, the now-abolished lower house of parliament.

That is precisely what we should not do. The ancient regime, desperate for revenge, now only hopes to see the revolution devour its own children. Premier Bazargan is among those in the government known to have been shocked at the summary executions. Yesterday, Bazargan named Hassan Nazih, a member of the National Front and president of the Iranian bar association, as head of the government-owned Iranian Oil Co.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan left yesterday for a further round of peace talks at Camp David, Maryland, and said it would probably take a new summit meeting to achieve success. His plane landed in Bangor, Maine, late last night, because it could not land at either Washington or New York airports after a major snowstorm partly paralyzed the eastern seaboard of the U.S.

Dayan told reporters before leaving Israel "that the initiative for this meeting was taken by the Americans, so apparently they do think there is a way to overcome the difficulties between us and the Egyptians. Otherwise they would not have called for this meeting." "But even if they are right, and we shall see, that during the talks at Camp David II there is a way to reach agreement, I myself think that practically it will not end up successfully without a summit meeting."

At Camp David Dayan will be meeting U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil. At the airport news conference Dayan said that there were five outstanding issues to be resolved before a treaty could be signed. The problem of oil was one of these issues, Dayan said. Other issues were: Articles 4 and 6 of the proposed peace treaty, dealing with security arrangements following an Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and with Egypt's previous pledges to other Arab states.

BANGKOK (AP). — Chinese incursion into Vietnam yesterday stopped five to 10 km. inside the border, with Hanoi claiming 3,500 Chinese troops killed and 80 tanks destroyed. The Vietnamese embassy in Bangkok said that at the Vietnam-China "Friendship Gate," the strategic pass was littered with some 60 destroyed Chinese tanks.

Peking has said it launched the "counterattack" in retaliation for repeated "armed incursions" by Vietnamese forces. Western intelligence sources in Bangkok have discounted reports of Chinese air strikes deep into Vietnam, with Thai intelligence sources saying that only Chinese spotter planes were airborne yesterday, directing artillery fire into Vietnamese positions from Chinese artillery bases.

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Moscow. "Since the Vietnamese people are united, we have enough strength to fight the enemy," Duong said, adding that there has been no special mobilization of the population or other than ordinary rationing since the Chinese attack Saturday.

The Vietnam news agency said, "the Chinese aggressors will be defeated no matter how reckless they are." An editorial in the Vietnamese Communist Party newspaper accused China of "colluding with the imperialist forces who once plundered the Chinese people," referring to Chinese moves to improve relations with Japan and the U.S.

That intelligence sources in Bangkok said yesterday that two Chinese ships had delivered supplies to Pol Pot guerrillas at Kompong Som, Cambodia's main port. Meanwhile, Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong returned to Hanoi yesterday after signing the friendship treaty with Cambodia, accompanied by General Van Tien Dung, Chief of Staff of the Vietnamese army. There was speculation that General Dung, Hanoi's chief military strategist, might return early to command the fighting.

And in New York, in a CBS television interview, Cambodia's former ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, called for a revival of the international control commission to help end hostilities in Cambodia. He said the commission should include old members, Canada, India and Poland and possibly a representative from China and one from the non-aligned countries.

In Indonesia, the Foreign Department strongly condemned the Chinese invasion while the Australian government called on Vietnam to withdraw from Cambodia and China to withdraw from Vietnam. Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Andrew Peacock also urged the Soviet Union to show restraint in its reaction to China's invasion of Vietnam.

Tension mounts as Soviet army goes on high alert

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Snow shuts NY and Washington

NEW YORK (UPI). — A howling snowstorm whipped the Eastern U.S. seaboard yesterday, paralyzing Washington and New York with heavy snow, closing major airports and halting land travel. Another band of heavy snow hobbled the south from Louisiana to the Carolinas.

Border closed to UNIFIL after smuggling arrest

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent Israel has closed its frontier to all UNIFIL personnel except for senior officers until further notice. The move was instituted yesterday, after a member of the Senegalese contingent was arrested for smuggling explosives from Lebanon for the PLO on Sunday.

Fuel sources few, reserves good, Moda'i says

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter Energy and Communications Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday that 90 per cent of the sources of fuel in the world were closed to Israel. Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Moda'i said that Israel's oil reserves were quite satisfactory at present. He listed the types and quantities of the various fuels in reserve, including those earmarked for the IDF.

Secret mission to Iran shows 50,000 Jews remain

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter About 50,000 Jews remain in Iran after the emigration of 20,000 to el and other countries in the past months. These statistics were revealed by Mordchai Ben-Porat at yesterday's Zionist Executive meeting in Jerusalem, shortly after the former MK returned to Israel from Iran with the last of Israel's representatives.

Ben-Porat describes departure of Israelis from Iran... 'We feared we'd be held as hostages'

Ben-Porat had high praise for the "devoted and courageous service" of the Israeli legation staff and for their personal bravery under circumstances of grave personal risk. He also paid tribute to the U.S. embassy staff in Teheran for their role in the rescue operation, as well as the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem and the State Department in Washington.

Sanctions black out TV programmes

The midnight news, the "Muppets" and "Morasha" were cancelled last night on Israel Television as part of continuing sanctions by Broadcasting Authority journalists and production workers. Representatives of the journalists' works committee met again yesterday with management in an effort to find a solution to the dispute, which involves wages and working conditions.

Jordan Army shake-up

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein has appointed Gen. Abdu Hadi Majali as chief-of-staff of the Jordanian armed forces, replacing Gen. Mohammed Idris. Hussein is supreme commander.

Dayan regrets Iran breakoff

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that he regretted the new Iranian regime's decision to cut ties with Israel. "But we have to accept it as a fact of life," Dayan was speaking at Ben-Gurion Airport before leaving for Washington and the Camp David II peace talks. "If they (the Iranians) cooperate with the PLO physically in their terrorist action, it will be another matter and a very serious one for us," Dayan added.

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Olmert, Burg clash over crime charges

Post Knesset Reporter
Likud MK Ehud Olmert yesterday quoted from a secret FBI document...

Still unimpressed, Olmert said, we recommendations about investigations office at Haifa Port and a reorganization of the police districts.



The diplomatic mission that never was...the Ramat Gan home of the Iran delegation to Israel, which has been ordered to leave the country.

Lights go out at Iran mission

By ZVI ARNON
Special to The Jerusalem Post
"Is this the Iranian delegation?" the caller asked the accented voice...

rented furnished apartments in the greater Tel Aviv area. They are now facing the unpleasant task of removing their children from local schools...

The delegation's offices closed down officially on Sunday at about 2 p.m. People were still showing up at the door on Monday morning hoping to get their passports extended or renewed...

Of the failure of the police to investigate this information, Olmert said, was one of the reasons for the recent resignation of Sgan-Nitzav Ya'acov Nahmas, one of the heads of the special police unit to fight organized crime.

Burg said he was not prepared to say, either in the plenum or in committee, what the police had done about investigating the information, and charged Olmert with "character assassination."

"Bernard," he replied, "Everyone knows Bernard. I'm recognized here like a forged dollar. It's a very awkward situation."

"Bernard," he refused to give his second name, is a 55-year-old Austrian-born Israeli citizen who has been working at the delegation's offices for more than two years.

"We explained to them that we're closed and we can't help them anymore," said Bernard. "They all eventually went away."

Olmert quoted from the Shimron Report on the pernicious influence social contacts between underworld figures and persons in respectable society has on the country's moral fibre.

At the demand of Tamar Eshel and Daniel Rosolio (both Alignment), Halevi agreed to refer the stenographic report to the House Committee, to consider whether Olmert had been out of order.

"The staff members were all normal, average Iranian citizens who happened to have jobs in the Iran Foreign Office," said Bernard, delicately understating the loyalty which the delegation members must have displayed to the shah.

"How do they feel about leaving?" "If I were to tell you that they're glad to be leaving, maybe it would not be true," said Bernard.

"And so members of the non-existent Iranian delegation to Israel pack their non-existent belongings, take their non-existent children out of Israeli schools, sell their non-existent cars and return to, what for Israel now, is an officially non-existent Iran."

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Weather forecast for various cities including Amsterdam, Brussels, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, London, Madrid, Montreal, New York, Oslo, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Stockholm, Tokyo, Toronto, Vancouver, Vienna, and Zurich.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Ari Rath, editor of The Jerusalem Post will address the English Language Dinner at 8 p.m. on Wednesday night, February 21, at ZOA House, Tel Aviv.

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Nurses strike

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Ahava, the organization of hospital nurses, its members will not participate in the Nurses Union's actions...

Last Thursday Ahava gave the Histadrut secretary-general a trade union department chairman Yisrael Kassar a 30-day ultimatum to meet this demand...

Meanwhile, engineers of Israel Radio's Reshet 10 broadcasts yesterday, in a staging 24-hour strikes at the Tel Aviv and the railroad...

MK chides US

By ASHER WALLERSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter
Herut chairman Haim Kacov yesterday made a stinging attack on U.S. ambassador Lewis.

"The Likud executive committee," he said, "has turned the Knesset into a second Chamber where he holds forth before invited guests from the Labour and the Coalition alike."

Likud moots police revamp
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Reorganization of the police has been under discussion by the leadership for some weeks...

In a meeting of the Likud executive yesterday, Interior Minister Yosef Burg came under heavy fire from everybody save coalition member Haim Corfu...

Michael Dekel (Likud) accused Burg of blocking all discussion on the police. Dekel said the police were not under effective control and therefore used firearms discriminately and employed degradation in interrogations...

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Rechtman enters prison with 'a heavy heart'

By Yoram Bar Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — When MK Shmuel Rechtman was taken to Ma'anah...



Attending yesterday's Peace Now meeting were (front row, from right) Chalka Grossman MK (Mapam)...

Labour support for peace treaty could hinge on autonomy changes

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — One of the options now open to the Labour Party is to demand that the government adopt Labour's views on autonomy in exchange for Labour parliamentary support...

Zadok noted that his committee had concerned itself with formulating Labour's stand, rather than with recommending the tactical use to which this position would be put in the Knesset.

Party hawks say this puts Labour in a powerful bargaining position which it must use to ward off some of the dangers inherent in the autonomy plan.

Arrested for protesting with dead dog

Tomli Blumenfeld in Ein Karem. Blumenfeld filed a trespass complaint against Ashkenazi. Ashkenazi told Judge Dan Bein that he had brought his dog to Blumenfeld for treatment after finding him poisoned.

Peace Now asks flexibility at 'David II'

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter About 300 Peace Now supporters — including Knesset members, professors and former ministers and generals — yesterday urged Israel's negotiators to display "flexibility" at the upcoming Camp David II talks.

what he termed shalom bazak (instant peace), saying time was against Israel and that developments in the Middle East, including the resurgence of Islamic fervor, were gradually dimming the chances of reaching a settlement.

New Kahane party announced in J'lem

Rabbi Meir Kahane yesterday announced the establishment of a new political movement, called "Eilat" — the Hebrew acronym of Arabs to Arabia, Jews to Israel.

Addict claims friendship with Panther 'Menny' Cohen

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A self-confessed heroin addict yesterday told the District Court here that he and Black Panther Menahem "Menny" Cohen were close friends until two months before Cohen allegedly took part in a murder attempt on the addict's life.



hiding place, Cohen, 31, and Ozeri had approached him and asked him where it was. From that time on, claimed Tarshawi — who was wounded during the shooting incident in his leg and hand — Cohen and Ozeri had cut off contact with him.

J'lem delights church leader

By JOSE GRESSEL Jerusalem Post Reporter I am happy to see that Jerusalem New Jerusalem is a most "place," said the Right Reverend Peter Brodie, Moderator General Assembly of the Scottish Church of Scotland, today on his first visit to Israel.



The Rt. Rev. Peter Brodie tion to the present arrangement for Jerusalem's holy sites: "The Jews have quite a good policy and the sites are in good hands," he said.

C'tee consensus favours 2nd TV station

Labour and Likud members of the Knesset Education and Culture Committee are likely to agree on the establishment of a second — commercial — TV channel, committee chairman Labour MK Ora Namir said yesterday.

The committee has met once on the issue and is due to discuss it again next Monday. The establishment of a second channel will require approval by the Knesset.

Bomb explodes in housing office

TEL AVIV. — A quarter-kilo of dynamite exploded yesterday in the Shikun Ovdim offices in Tel Aviv — apparently set off by a disgruntled client or sub-contractor of the housing authority, police said.

Soldier surrenders after shooting spree

Jerusalem Post Reporter BEIT SHE'AN. — A 20-year-old Beit She'an resident surrendered to police early yesterday morning after spending two hours shooting a rifle into the air. No one was injured during the spree.

Dahan said that before the shooting incident he had quarrelled with his father. He is being held by military police pending psychiatric observation.

Will Tel Aviv sack workers?

MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The financial straits of Tel Aviv municipality will lead to discharge temporary workers at the expense of permanent city dwellers, Theodore Namir, chairman of the Workers Organization, said yesterday.

workers was raised last week when Mayor Shlomo Lahat announced a "freeze" on municipal jobs and the possibility of firing temporary workers.

Vigil for daughter abducted by Soviets

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Prof. Alexander Temkin yesterday held a protest vigil in front of the Finnish Embassy here, to mark the sixth anniversary of the abduction of his daughter Marina, by the Soviet KGB secret police in Moscow.

For a long period after the separation, Marina had been cut off from society in a youth camp where she was subject to severe psychological pressures and was heavily drugged.

Maidanek lawyer refused entry

Israel yesterday refused entry to Ludwig Bock, a West German lawyer who is defending former Nazis accused in the Maidanek war crimes trial.

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Iran headed for more clashes

By WILLIAM BRANIGAN
Washington Post News Service

TEHERAN. — Iran's new provisional revolutionary government has so far failed to disarm the country's guerrilla groups and will have to use force if the various factions — particularly the leftist ones — continue to resist a religious order to turn in their weapons, a government spokesman said on Sunday.

Hossein Esmadi, a Moslem cleric charged by Shia Moslem leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's provisional government with collecting arms looted by rag-tag street fighters last week, also said that Teheran's loose organization of "revolutionary soldiers" would be dissolved soon and give way to a reconstituted regular army.

In an interview at his headquarters in a Teheran University mosque, Esmadi predicted clashes between Islamic and Marxist guerrilla groups in their struggle for ideological influence in the new regime.

Indeed, with new guerrilla groups springing up regularly and the government unable to control them, Iran appears to be headed for more fighting among the revolutionaries who brought down the once powerful army of Shah Mohammad Reza

Pahlavi, diplomatic sources said.

The two main ideological opposites groups are the Mujaheddin-Khalq (People's Holy Warriors) and the Cherkaye Fedaye Khalq (People's Sacrificial Warriors).

Both support the continuation of Iran's revolution to fight the vestiges of "imperialism," but the Mujaheddin consist mainly of Islamic fanatics while the Fedaye are avowedly Marxist.

Khomeini's "Imam committee" — which has close links with the Mujaheddin while fielding its own militia — is eager to crack down on what it views as godless Communists.

However, the committee and Khomeini's provisional government are in no position at present to do so, diplomatic sources here say. They are not yet sufficiently organized or powerful enough to suppress the leftists, who acquired formidable arsenals during wholesale looting of military armories during the revolutionary take over.

Although the Fedaye claim they support the government of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, diplomatic analysts say the Marxist guerrilla group actually aims to keep putting obstacles in his path to continue the revolution and even-

tually bring him down.

The sources say the attack on February 14 on the U.S. Embassy in Teheran was one example of this plan. The Marxist Fedaye gambled correctly that the Islamic guerrilla groups, including Khomeini's militia, would not crack down on them for the attack, since such a move would be tantamount to defending "American imperialism."

Diplomats said more such Fedaye operations can be expected, with the group making sure each time that the aim does not conflict with the Islamic revolutionaries' stated goals but nevertheless continually posing serious problems for Khomeini and Bazargan.

For the time being, a political struggle is under way as the left races against time to try to fuel the revolution, radicalize the population and expand its influence.

In an effort to make its own inroads with a reformed armed force, the Fedaye have called for the establishment of a "people's army," run by political committees in which the Marxists would have a strong voice. Khomeini committee hardliners, such as Esmadi, seem determined not to allow the Fedaye and other Marxist groups such a role.

Afghans reject U.S. protest

KABUL. — Afghan Foreign Minister Hafizullah Amin yesterday categorically rejected suggestions that his government was to blame for the death of American Ambassador Adolph Dubs in a kidnap drama in Kabul last week.

He said that he considered an American protest over their handling of the incident to be completely baseless.

"I see no reason, no aspect of the operation for which we could be blamed," he told foreign journalists here.

The minister said that he hoped it would not adversely affect U.S.-Afghan relations, but at the same time he was strongly critical of the American version of events.

Earlier yesterday Afghanistan's top security officer, had strongly denied that any Soviet advisers were present during the hotel shoot-out that led to the death of U.S. ambassador Adolph Dubs.

Maj. Daoud Taroun, commander of the national police, said in an interview that "there were no Russians present. This was our operation, and we made the decisions."

The assertion is at variance with U.S. accounts of the incident. The U.S. has formally protested to the Soviet Union about the reported participation of Soviet police advisers in the decision to storm the downtown hotel room where Dubs was being held by his kidnapers.

Rhodesia planes hit guerrilla supply base in Mozambique

SALISBURY (UPI). — Rhodesian warplanes attacked a black nationalist guerrilla storage facility some 75 km. inside Mozambique yesterday and returned safely to base, the Rhodesian military command said.

The complex, near Chimio in Mozambique's Manica province, was run by Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA).

The raid into Mozambique, Rhodesia's eastern neighbour, came two days after Rhodesian warplanes had attacked across the northern frontier into Zambia. There they had hit what the military command called

holding camps housing guerrillas of Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army who were poised to infiltrate into Rhodesia.

The communique reporting yesterday's strike said that no damage was incurred on any other buildings or property outside the complex.

ZANLA installations in the area of Chimio have frequently come under Rhodesian attack. In November 1977, ground and air strikes against camps at Chimio and Tembue resulted in the deaths of some 3,000 insurgents, including male and female teen-agers receiving training.

OPEC to meet in Geneva

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — OPEC ministers will hold a summit meeting in Geneva on March 1, the petroleum minister of the Arab Emirates announced today.

Industry sources said the meeting was bound to discuss the loss of Iranian crude oil on world prices.

The Emirates minister, Oteiba, said the meeting would discuss the current situation in the industry, the market, and the behaviour of oil companies in the Third World countries.

His statement, published in the official Emirates News Agency, says whether all 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries had agreed to attend the meeting after Venezuelan Petroleum Minister Valentin Elizalde Acosta, now in Kuwait, had called for an emergency meeting level meeting of OPEC, mainly to discuss the Iranian situation.

U.S. blasts UN human rights body for 'torture' telegram

GENEVA (UPI). — The U.S. told the UN Human Rights Commission yesterday that rational discussion is often impossible because of the automatic Third World Communist majority. It said the result of debates on many items is "pre-ordained."

Edward M. Mezvinsky, U.S. delegate to the human rights commission in current session, made the charges during a debate on alleged systematic torture by Israel of Arab prisoners in the administered territories.

The commission broke normal rules of procedure last week when it sent a protest telegram to Israel without having the text circulated beforehand as required.

"It has constituted a disturbing sign that rational discussion in this commission, at least on some matters, is beside the point, and it has raised a deeper question as to why we gather here as a commission to debate these issues at all," Mez-

vinsky told the 32-nation group.

"The results are pre-ordained and rules of procedure which are designed to protect the rights of every UN member government... are dramatically made subject to the arbitrary will of the majority," he said.

The U.S. and two other western nations voted against sending the torture telegram to Israel, but they were outvoted by 19 in favour to three against with eight abstentions. Two countries did not vote.

Commenting on the torture charges, Mezvinsky said: "There have been some credible reports that instances of ill treatment have occurred. But our (State Department) report does not state systematic torture is practised by the Israeli authorities."

Mezvinsky said Israel "is one of the very few nations in the world" that permits the International Red Cross to visit political prisoners within 14 days of their arrest.

Japanese diplomats confer in Cairo

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japanese diplomats stationed in the East, the U.S. and Pakistan, met in Cairo tomorrow for the first time since the situation in Iran. The meeting was yesterday.

They will exchange views on days on Iran and the situation of supplies from the region. Japan relies on imports worth more than 99 per cent of its oil needs, which about 70 per cent come from the Middle East.

Bangladesh leads scores big win

DACCA (UPI). — President Rahman's Bangladesh Nationalist Party yesterday emphatically overcame an overwhelming victory in parliamentary elections heralding the three years of martial law.

With results declared in the parliamentary elections, Nationalists had won more than two-thirds of the seats, forming a faction of the 160-member League.

Zia's party, consisting of leaning, pledged to continue and security for the 50 million in Bangladesh and an end to violence and corruption.

Queen hails Gulf Saudi statesmanship

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (UPI). — Queen Elizabeth said yesterday that her tour of the Arab Gulf had created a new understanding between Britain and the region.

In a speech at the University of Petroleum & Minerals in this eastern Saudi city, she said the tour had given the queen a warm insight into the leadership of Saudi Arabia's King Khalid. "The whole world is amazed and requested a statesmanship in the recent years."

She called in the royal Britannia from Dhahran's port for a voyage down the Red Sea, where she and the Queen Mother will arrive tomorrow.

Palestine collection banned in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM (Reuters). — Council of Amsterdam said today it had banned a student collection planned this week group called the Dutch Palestine Committee.

The committee said it was humanitarian aid to Palestine and the money was for teaching for schools in Lebanese camps.

In a letter to the committee, the council said the collection would hurt the feelings of Amsterdam's many Jewish citizens.

Quake shakes Santiago

SANTIAGO (UPI). — An earthquake rocked the Chilean capital today, but no injuries or damage reported, police said.

The Seismological Institute of Chile said the quake registered 3.0 on the Richter scale and was located 14 km. from Santiago in the Andes.



The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" gives a cartoonist's view of China's invasion of Vietnam. The Chinese cannon is labeled "Provocation" and is shielded by "Falsification," "Fabrication" and "Slander," while the broken sign says "Vietnam Border."

Soviet newsmen describe Chinese assault

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet press yesterday provided eye witness reports of the fighting between Chinese and Vietnamese forces in northern Vietnam, with correspondents from Tass and "Pravda" writing vivid accounts from the front line in Lang Son Province.

Reporters Y. Skvortsov of the official Communist Party daily "Pravda" and Gennadiy Zhidolev of the official news agency Tass both described continual Chinese artillery bombardment of the area, begun early on Saturday. There followed the rapid evacuation of all women, children and elderly, and

the advance of Chinese forces with tanks, self-propelled guns and infantry with air support — up to seven km. inside Vietnamese territory.

Both correspondents, in dispatches dated Sunday from the provincial capital of Lang Son, began their reports by recalling that February is the beginning of spring in Vietnam, a time of sowing, blossoms and nearly rice sowing.

"At 8:10 a.m. the first wounded border troops arrived in the town's central clinic," wrote Skvortsov. "Their comrades with collar tabs of a sergeant, whose papers were lost in a field hospital near Dong Dang

where heavy fighting was already raging, died before our eyes of a head wound," Skvortsov wrote.

Skvortsov described riding out in a jeep toward the fighting on the highway from Lang Son to Dong Dang.

"At five km. from the border and three km. from Dong Dang, I saw dozens of young men, armed with machine guns and hand grenades, digging foxholes.

"A few couples of soldiers were dragging up recoilless rifles on bamboo poles. Mortar fire from the border never eased off. Leaving our car on the side of the road, we followed a small valley extending between steep slopes along the highway, in the direction of Dong Dang. Just alongside us, some mortar shells fell. We all dived into the bushes in a ditch. Here the young soldiers left behind a wounded comrade."

Skvortsov quoted a Vietnamese lieutenant as saying his men had set fire to Chinese tanks and were containing the enemy infantry "While we wait for reinforcements to throw them back off our land."

Zhidolev described the artillery strike and Chinese advance in similar terms.

"The artillery bombardment and the rumble of explosions came closer and closer from the north and northeast," he said. "Everything showed that the Chinese aggressors were using all kinds of forces — tanks, self-propelled guns, troops with air support."

Zhidolev also travelled by jeep as far as the village of Kuankhou, 10 km. from the Chinese border, then continued on foot. They met two Vietnamese militia.

"You can't go any further," they said. "Less than 1.5 km. from here, Chinese troops are strafing the valley from the hilltops."

Ethiopia-Sudan summit 'inconclusive'

KHARTOUM (UPI). — The summit meeting between Sudanese president Jafar Numeiry and Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam ended "inconclusively," but Sudan will spare no effort to normalize relations between the two countries, the Sudanese foreign minister said yesterday.

Numeiry returned to Khartoum late on Sunday from a four-day summit with the Ethiopian head of state in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The aim of the meetings was to normalize relations between the two countries and to solve the problem of Eritrea peacefully.

A secessionist movement in that territory bordering on Sudan has been active against the Ethiopian central government for the last 17 years. Since the Ethiopian regime concentrated its efforts to crush it late last year, Eritrean refugees have infiltrated the southern part of Sudan, which sympathizes with them.

In Moscow, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet yesterday endorsed a friendship and cooperation treaty signed with Ethiopia last November.

African states to confer on Uganda war

DAR ES SALAAM (AP). — Tanzania will send an 11-member delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Benjamin Mkapa, to a special Organization of African Unity (OAU) meeting in Nairobi tomorrow called to discuss the current conflict between Tanzania and Uganda.

A government statement issued yesterday said that an ad hoc committee has been formed to deal with African inter-state conflicts. Members of the committee are Gabon, Madagascar, the Central African Empire, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia, Zaire and Gambia.

Iraqis retaliate by expelling Swedes

BAGHDAD (UPI). — Iraq yesterday ordered three Swedish embassy officials out of the country, in reply to a similar move by Sweden two weeks ago.

The official Iraqi news agency said the Swedes had been declared *persona non grata* in a "reciprocal action." The statement did not specify when the Swedes would leave the country.

Sweden expelled three Iraqi diplomats and a foreign ministry envoy earlier this month on charges of espionage against Iraqi nationals inside Sweden.

U.S. House goes on TV — in colour

WASHINGTON (UPI). — It cost \$1.2m. to install sophisticated colour television equipment and another \$278,000 a year for salaries of the 12 technicians needed to operate it.

But the result will be gavel-gavel colour television coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives.

It began yesterday — but for the first month will be only for the 435 members themselves. They'll have special receivers in their offices so they won't have to go to the floor to keep track of what's happening in the chamber.

Anonymous threats for Sakharov

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet dissident leader Andrei Sakharov said yesterday that he had received new threats of violence from people claiming to be relatives of victims of a bomb blast on the Moscow Metro (subway).

Sakharov told Western reporters that an anonymous letter and three phone calls followed a visit earlier this month from two men claiming to be enraged relatives. He said he believed the threats were organized by the KGB.

\$10,000 price tag on bust of Hitler

WASHINGTON (AP). — A bullet-riddled bust of Adolf Hitler was put up for sale on Sunday but its owner refused to accept a bid of \$9,000, saying he was holding out for at least \$10,000.

The bust, sculpted from life by Ludwig Nick, was taken from Hitler's bunker apartment where it had served as a target for Soviet soldiers after the fall of Berlin at the end of the European phase of World War II.

"I liberated it from the bunker," Carl Levin told a reporter. "I got a Russian bayonet in the belly when I tried to enter it. I talked the guard out of the bust."

Levin, now in public relations, was at the time a war correspondent for "The New York Herald-Tribune," now no longer published. For about 20 years, he said, the bust was displayed in a "Herald-Tribune" office. When the paper folded, he took it with him.

It was one of more than 2,000 works of art, furniture, dishes and other objects offered during a four-day sale by C.G. Sloan and Co., an auction house.

Islanders seize U.S. seamen

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — Irate islanders in the Maldives have detained three Americans as "spies" after over-running their research ship and threatening the crew with machetes and spears.

A Johannesburg radio ham, Eli Salant, said he picked up distress signals from the ship *Alise Maroo* on Sunday and relayed the call for help to the U.S. naval base on Diego Garcia Island.

He said the ship's crew reported yesterday that an American military jet plane had overflowed the ship and dropped medical and food supplies, and that a U.S. warship was believed to be on its way to the area.

The Panamanian-registered vessel was en route to North Carolina to have its registration changed when it developed engine trouble and limped to the remote Indian Ocean island, where it was attacked by islanders who seized the captain, second mate and ship's doctor.

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Michael Fieldman untangles the complicated history that has led to the Chinese invasion of Vietnam

MISSION OF PUNISHMENT

HANOI has invaded Vietnam in 14 centuries across the whole of their mutual border, with tanks, aircraft and almost a quarter of a million men. This is the same China which at a few years ago was supplying Vietnam with its basic infantry weapon, the AK-47 assault rifle, in the common struggle to oust the Americans from Southeast Asia.

Peking claims it has no territorial ambitions against Vietnam, and that military action is meant to punish OPEC for its intolerably aggressive actions in Indo-China, especially its invasion and takeover of Cambodia. But the Chinese action is certainly prompted by more than indignation at the overthrow of the Cambodian monarchy.

China's relations with Cambodia are entirely a function of its desire to maintain Vietnamese influence in the area. An illustration of this was the war spectacle of Peking warmly welcoming Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who had been held under house arrest in Cambodia by the Pol Pot regime, after he was freed when Vietnam invaded. The political gesture of the Cambodian regime is important to the Chinese as long as it is anti-Vietnamese.

China's preoccupation with Vietnam has two elements. China has always considered Indo-China its traditional sphere of influence. Vietnam has threatened this and with its invasion of Cambodia, turned threat into a palpable danger.

More important, since Vietnam is supported by the Soviet Union, a major threat to China's strategic interest in Indo-China converged with Peking's obsessive fear of Soviet designs.



Bunkers in Hanoi, a city long accustomed to war. (Camera Press)

Czechoslovakia, it would be willing to adopt similar hostile methods against them. The intermittent border clashes in 1969-70 punctuated the dispute and helped bring the situation to the point where China now has over one million troops massed along its northern border with Russia.

The Soviet role and influence in Vietnam developed despite China's best efforts to prevent it. In 1960, China was the first state to recognize the North Vietnamese regime as the legitimate government of all Vietnam. Shortly afterwards, Chinese support began to reach the Viet Minh, fore-runners of the present Vietnamese regime. More recently, China and Vietnam were comrades against "American imperialism."

China, however, could never really compete with Russia in the contest for Vietnamese fidelity. Russia, far from Vietnam, appears much less dangerous to Hanoi than China —

Vietnam's history includes 1,000 years of Chinese dominion. And Russia, unlike China, is willing to accept Vietnamese domination of Indo-China, for Moscow sees a strong Vietnam as a bulwark against expansion of Chinese influence in the area.

The Russian advantage over China became apparent in the last three years of the Vietnam war (1973-75) as Hanoi decided to shift militarily from small-scale, guerrilla tactics to the use of heavy weapons and standard set-piece battles. From that point on Hanoi relied almost completely on Soviet surface-to-air missiles, tanks, rockets and fuel.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1975, a top North Vietnamese minister, Le Duan, made an official visit to Peking. The result was a fiasco, with the trip cut short by two days, no agreements, no joint communiqué and much mutual rancour.

The very next month Le Duan

made a triumphant visit to Moscow which culminated in a joint communiqué announcing an agreement to coordinate the Vietnamese and Russian national economies for a five-year period. Included in the \$4.5b. aid package was a huge power station and a coal mine, the type of aid which China couldn't possibly match.

The communiqué also demanded the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Southeast Asia. By this time, China saw U.S. forces in Southeast Asia as a balance to Moscow's influence in the area, and was even trying to mediate an "honorable" end to the fighting in Vietnam, in hopes of minimizing an American sense of total defeat.

Until last year, China continually tried to prevent complete Vietnamese partnership with Russia. After a border clash between Phnom Penh and Hanoi in January, 1978, Moscow immediately sided with Vietnam while China claimed neutrality, hoping to mediate the dispute. China's role as mediator was not credible though, because she had backed Phnom Penh since 1975, and more recently had started airlifting military supplies to Cambodia.

By February, 1978, Peking seemed to have accepted the finality of the Vietnamese tilt toward Moscow and began denouncing Hanoi in the same terms as she used against Russia, the code-word being "anti-hegemony." In May, China cancelled her aid projects to Hanoi and started to repatriate Chinese technicians serving in Vietnam, at the same time closing three Vietnamese consulates in South China.

China's invasion of Vietnam is a face-saving gesture with restricted goals. The strike must be limited in nature and duration, or the risk of Soviet intervention becomes too great. China's army is still primitively armed and war with Russia is the last thing Peking wants at this time.

The signal to Moscow is, that if strongly enough provoked, China will fight, and Russia will have to take this into consideration as it attempts to consolidate her position in Indo-China.

Finally, the exodus of the Chinese community in Vietnam adds another dimension to the Chinese strike; inaction by Peking would have been interpreted as a sign of weakness by the other Southeast Asian countries, all of which have dominant Chinese communities.

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Japanese confer in Tokyo

TOKYO (UPI) — Japanese foreign ministers met here today to discuss the situation in Cambodia.

The ministers met for the first time since the Japanese government announced its support for the overthrow of the Cambodian monarchy.

The meeting was held in a private room at the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

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Queen halts Saudi hunt

NEW DELHI — When Prince Badr, brother of King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, goes hunting he does it in style.

For example, on his recent trip to the Jaisalmer desert of Rajasthan in India to hunt bustard, a rare game whose flesh is regarded as a delicacy by gourmets, he took along a party of 20 Chinese-trained hunters costing \$8,000 each. His caravan was made up of 15 Land Rovers and light wagons, 12 heavy bikes and two tankers containing 100 gallons of fuel.

He was able to keep in touch with his royal palace at home by means of a powerful radio transmitter over which reports of the expedition's progress were relayed.

After a week, the royal hunters had caught or killed 80 (tortoiseshell) birds and about 100 (ground) birds. The live birds were packed in air-conditioned vehicles and the killed were kept in refrigerators.

At the prince and the New Delhi authorities who authorized the hunt looked without the force of Indian law and wildlife lovers concerned at the threat to a declining species.

They created such a fuss that the hunt was reluctantly called to take action. On January 4, the prince's hunting party was ordered to leave the country.

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Lullaballoo halts bustard hunt

By D.K. JOSHI
Gemini News Service

was anxious to obtain alternative supplies from Saudi Arabia.

However, Prince Badr called off his hunt for one of the world's rarest birds — the great Indian bustard.

THE INDIAN BUSTARD is found only in the Rajasthan desert. The bird has been "domesticated" on the Pakistan side of the border by indiscriminate hunting and has survived on the Indian side only because of legal protection given by the government and because of the religious susceptibilities of the Hindu community in the area.

For some years, Arab sheikhs and princes from Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have been granted permission for falconry, a sport that is a current craze among the Arab aristocracy.

Falconry — the art of employing falcons to catch birds in flight — is a very ancient pastime practised by man even before he learned to write. There is conclusive evidence of falconry in Assyria in the period of Sargon II (722-705 BCE).

Today it is practised mostly by Arabs in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf. Participants in the sport train their falcons to hunt bustards, duck, partridge and pheasants. The bustard, however, is the most prized.

A RELATIVELY slow bird, the bustard is powerful and has sustained flight. The lesser bustard weighs two kilograms and the great Indian bustard as much as 20 kilograms.

Both sexes are similar in colour, and their greyish-brown mingles with the colour of the desert sand. Trained falcons not only locate them in bushes but also attack them in flight and hold them with their claws until the hunters arrive in their Land Rovers to bag the kill.

In the past, groups of as many as 100 hunters, with all the paraphernalia for setting up a temporary camp in the desert, have been allowed to cross from Pakistan chugging along in caravans of mousins and air-conditioned trucks.

Recently, the number of applications for hunts has risen and, correspondingly, the number of bustards has dwindled.

Alarmed by the prospect of the extinction of the bird, the Rajasthan government decided to impose a total ban on the hunting.

But India's Foreign Office came under pressure from the highest quarters in the Gulf states to make an exception. The first application came from the Crown Prince Khalifa of the UAE. This was followed by a request from the brother of the Emir of Qatar and one from a member of the Saudi royal family. The Saudi request was accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Towards the end of last year, messages were received from Prince Badr on the Pakistan border. He was allowed to cross over and hunt under certain conditions.

NEW DELHI's decision to relax the ban was accompanied by the hope that India would be treated kindly by the Saudi government over oil. An



Rare Indian bustard.

Moscow's aging Politburo

By DEV MURAKA
Observer Foreign News Service

MOSCOW — Arvid Peltse, a full member of the Soviet Politburo since 1965, just turned 80. For that achievement, a remarkable one in Russian political life, he has been awarded the Order of Lenin and his second Hammer and Sickle medal.

Peltse is only the second man in the history of the Soviet Union to have reached the age of 80 while remaining a Politburo member.

The other exception was Otto Kuusinen, who died in 1964 at the age of 83 while a member of the Politburo and a secretary of the Central Committee.

He was from Finland, which was part of the Russian empire before the Revolution but became independent in 1917. As such he was also a Baltic state citizen, just as Peltse is from the Baltic republic of Latvia — a very curious coincidence.

Peltse is, of course, the oldest member of the Politburo. But another highly influential and prominent member, M.A. Suslov, is not so far behind at 77.

Anyhow, the 80th birthday of Peltse again reminds everyone how old the Soviet leadership has become. One way of looking at it is to say that the 13 full members of the Politburo (i.e. those with voting rights) now have a total age of 900 years, which gives their average age as 69.23 years.

Even if another eight candidate members of the Politburo, those without voting rights, are included, with a total age of 908 years, the average of the whole Politburo works out at 67.09 years.

AS SUCH — apart from the Chinese leadership perhaps — the Soviet leaders are now the oldest age group of any ruling group in the world.

But this alone does not convey the flavour of the age factor of Soviet leadership. Another way to look at it is to consider that among the 13 full members only one, Georgi

The only other one below 60 among the candidate members is Gaidar Aliev, first secretary of Azerbaijan, who is 56. Four of the candidate members are between 62 and 66 and two are 74 and 78 respectively.

IF NOTHING else, this suggests that a wide gulf exists between the youth and the leadership of the country in terms of their outlook and aspirations.

They may share the same ideological-political goals, but that is not, by any means, certain because widespread disaffection and cynicism characterize the under-40s of the Soviet Union.

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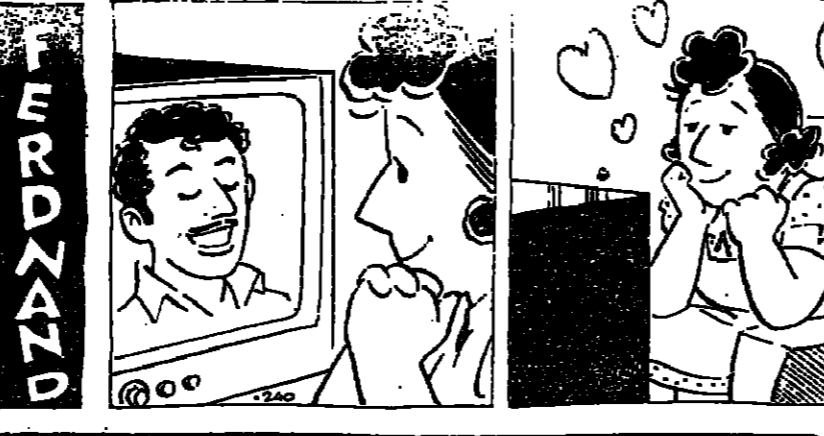
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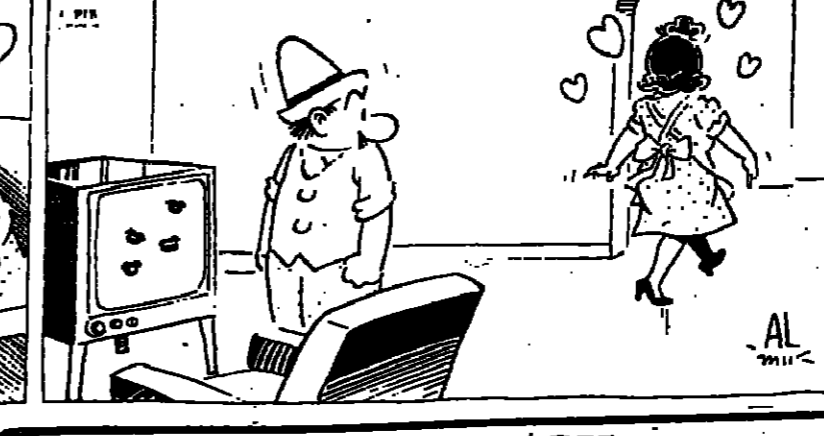
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A Jew of Kaifeng Fu?

THE INTIMATION by Howard Squadron, American Jewish Congress president, of renewed Chinese interest in relations with Israel...

By MELVIN FENSON Special to The Jerusalem Post

transmitted from long ago in their family experiences. "Now I am going to talk to you about a most important thing," the grandfather said.

"The grandson responded to the patriarch saying: 'I know. We come from the province of Shan-Si.' 'The grandfather then continued: 'Yes. But our ancestors lived in Kaifeng-Fu, the capital.'"

"The grandfather then continued: 'Yes. But our ancestors lived in Kaifeng-Fu, the capital.' The grandfather elaborated further. They belonged to the tribe of Ye-se-lo-ni (Chinese word for Israel) of the Le-khtze-kin (their method of cattle slaughter)."

"The grandson was most curious by now. 'Who are these people?' 'The grandfather explained. 'They came to China from Ceylon during the Han dynasty (208 BCE to 220 CE) and they lived in China for two thousand years before becoming Chinese like the others. Their priests, the kabini (rabbits), were called Aorontes or Asontes and belonged to the tribe of Aser. They worshipped Ji-Hi-Wel.'"

"The grandfather paused to allow this information to penetrate and he explained further: 'Today they can be found everywhere. Earlier, they lived in Peking, Ningpo and Canton. Little by little they spread over the whole of the land.'"

"By the time the British had come to China, the Israelites had forgotten how to read their ancient Hebrew texts, the grandfather indicated. Their 'sho-gopui' which the British came across in Kaifeng-Fu was in decrepit condition.

"The old man then told Liu Shao-chi that he had some ancient Hebrew prayerbooks to turn over to him for safekeeping and preservation. At this point the grandfather suddenly retired for silent meditation. It was dusk and the intriguing conversation was at an end."

SYLVIA ASCHNER'S special report was marred by a typographical error, which fixed the date of the final demolition of the synagogue at Kaifeng-Fu as 1968. It was, of course, 1868.

The compendious history of this apocryphal "orphan community" was first published in 1962 by a Canadian, Dr. William Charles White, an Anglican Bishop of Honan who, after 40 years of missionary work in China, became associate professor of Chinese archaeology and Keeper of the East Asiatic Collection at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

His major study, "Chinese Jews... A Compilation of Matters Relating to the Jews of Kaifeng-Fu," was republished in 1968 as a result of a meeting at the Hebrew University between Prof. Cecil Roth and Marsh Jeanneret, director of the University of Toronto Press.

The major differences between the 1942 and 1968 editions are that the later version combines the original's three volumes, includes Prof. Roth's essay on a Chinese Jewish illuminated Scroll of Esther, as well as a table of corrigenda. Wetzel's work, with its curious suggestion of Liu Shao-chi's alleged roots in Kaifeng-Fu, is not, unfortunately, listed in the catalogue of the Hebrew University.

FOR MANY YEARS, it was generally believed that Liu Shao-chi had either perished when a planeload of Chinese political refugees, en route to sanctuary in the Chinese Jewish settlement of Manchuria, or that he had been eliminated on the direct orders of Chairman Mao. There have, however, been recent reports that he is alive and well in China.

Bishop White's collection of narratives and essays reviews the efforts on the part of Protestant missionaries and interested Jews as late as 1919 to organize the remnants of



Liu Shao-chi with Mao in 1959.

Kaifeng-Fu Jewry. Actually, the last dated encounter with identifiable descendants occurred in 1924. Today, there is a chance that a survivor might be, if not in our very midst, at least available for contact.

What more likely diplomatic link between the new China and Israel than China's rehabilitated ex-

president, scion of an ancient Jewish community, whose written records date back to the 12th century? Has the time not come to send that doughty old warrior David Hacohen out on yet one more Far Eastern mission?

The author is a well-known journalist from Canada who has written on Jewish subjects.

Seeing machine

By LEA LEVAVI/Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A blind computer programmer places a flow chart on his desk, alongside a machine about the size of a cassette tape recorder. In his right hand he holds an "electronic eye" and his left index finger is resting on a grid inside the machine. After many years in his profession he is now able for the first time to "read" without help flow charts, as well as instruction manuals and professional journals.

The device which constitutes this new advance in the independence of blind persons is called an Optacon. It was developed at Stanford University, manufactured at Telesensory Systems Inc. of Palo Alto, California, and brought to Israel thanks to the generosity of the Rothschild Foundation.

So far 11 blind persons, mostly programmers and students, have learned to use the Optacon. Another 15 are already waiting to be taught at the new training centres now being opened in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba.

The "electronic eye" of the Optacon contains 144 photocells. According to the shape of any given printed character, some of those cells will see light and others see dark. Attached to each of these cells is a vibrating pin. When a cell "sees" light, its pin vibrates on the tactile grid where the blind user's left index finger is placed. The particular pins which vibrate for any given character together form the shape of the letter, which the user learns to recognize in a course of up to 50 lessons.

At a recent meeting with reporters, where blind Optacon users exhibited their skills, Yehuda Sokolik, director of the Service for the Blind in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, emphasized the difference between this system and Braille.

Braille is a system in which letters are formed from combinations of six dots. The resulting characters bear no resemblance to the original

letters. Braille is only available to the blind reader after a long and often costly process of transcription. With the Optacon, by contrast, the user "reads" the newspaper, book, letter or diagram in its original form, without needing a sighted person to transcribe it into Braille or to record it on tape or cassette. Also, the shape of the letter, as felt with the Optacon, is the same as that seen by a sighted person.

"IT'S BEEN MANY YEARS between the time I could see and the time I started learning the Optacon," Moshe Schlesinger, a computer programmer, said. "I didn't remember that there were two kinds of q and one almost like an s. I'm not even sure I was aware of it when I read with my eyes."

Though the teaching materials imported from the U.S. are in English, Moshe has also learned to read Hebrew, German and Swedish. Another participant read from the Gemara. The machine can "read" any language, including diagrams and pictures, because it merely makes the shapes it sees; the user's ability to interpret those shapes as letters or other meaningful symbols is the only limitation on reading.

Telesensory Systems is now working on an attachment which would make the Optacon say aloud the words which the electric eye sees. The speech will be limited to English, but Israeli scientists are already working on an attachment which would "speak" Hebrew.

Though each Optacon costs over \$3,000, those who successfully complete training here can receive the Optacon free. Optacons for blind veterans are purchased by the Rehabilitation Department of the Ministry of Defence. Those for civilians are bought with funds provided by the Rothschild Foundation, or funds raised from other sources by the Centre for the Blind in Israel.



Chinese Jewish mother and her son — where are their roots?

Baking' in a skillet

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN/Sybil Zimmerman

THOSE OF US who have experienced cooking without an oven are particularly sympathetic to immigrants in hostels and absorption centres, university students and others who are cooking only on burners. Here are some tempting recipes, usually associated with an oven.

SKILLET CORN BREAD

- 4 cup flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup plus 2 T. flour
1 1/2 t. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
1/2 cup corn meal
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup oil

1. Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into a mixing bowl.

2. Add egg, milk and oil and blend well. Pour some oil into a skillet and oil well then turn batter into skillet. Cover and cook over low heat 30-35 minutes.

SKILLET KABOBS

- large apples, cut into wedges
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup plus 2 T. flour
1 1/2 t. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup oil

1. Coat apples with oil. Sprinkle with sugar. Place in skillet and fry, covered, for 10 minutes.

2. Stir in marmalade. Cook uncovered for 10 minutes more.

SKILLET KABOBS

- 1 egg
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup plus 2 T. flour
1 1/2 t. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
1/2 cup milk or parvee whip or orange juice
1 t. vanilla

1. Beat egg white until fluffy. Add 1/4 cup sugar, beating until stiff.

2. Sift 1/2 cup sugar with flour, baking powder and salt. Add oil, 1/4 cup liquid and vanilla. Beat for 1 minute.

3. Add remaining liquid and egg yolk. Beat 1 minute. Fold in egg white. Pour into oiled skillet. Cover and cook over low heat for 30 minutes.

SKILLET KABOBS

- 2 T. butter or margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 t. cinnamon
2 cups apple sauce

1. Melt butter or margarine in saucepan. Add brown sugar, cinnamon and apple sauce and heat. Pour over hot cake.

- dash pepper
1/4 t. sugar
1/4 t. paprika
1/4 t. oregano
1 bay leaf
2 T. vinegar
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup beef cut into cubes
4 cooked quartered potatoes
4 cooked tomatoes
1 green pepper cut into strips
squash, mushrooms or other vegetables

1. Combine salt, Worcestershire, sauce, pepper, sugar, paprika, oregano, bay leaf, vinegar and oil in a bowl and mix. Add meat cubes and let marinate in refrigerator for several hours.

2. Skewer meat alternately with vegetables. Heat oil in a skillet. Place skewers in skillet, cover and cook 10 minutes. Turn and cook 5-10 minutes more without cover.

SKILLET CAKE

- 1 egg
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup plus 2 T. flour
1 1/2 t. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
1/2 cup milk or parvee whip or orange juice

1. Beat egg white until fluffy. Add 1/4 cup sugar, beating until stiff.

2. Sift 1/2 cup sugar with flour, baking powder and salt. Add oil, 1/4 cup liquid and vanilla. Beat for 1 minute.

3. Add remaining liquid and egg yolk. Beat 1 minute. Fold in egg white. Pour into oiled skillet. Cover and cook over low heat for 30 minutes.

2 T. butter or margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 t. cinnamon
2 cups apple sauce

1. Melt butter or margarine in saucepan. Add brown sugar, cinnamon and apple sauce and heat. Pour over hot cake.

Chaplain who understood

TOWARD the end of 1940 in Cairo, notices appeared where Royal Air Force men congregated, urging "...all airmen of Jewish faith to present themselves to a church-parade..." to be held at the main NAAFI canteen.

There were not many religious Jews among the "Jewish Palestinian Local Enrollment" at that time serving in Egypt — but a day off from duty and curiosity about such a "Jewish Church Service" brought us all to the appointed place, even before the stated time.

Punctually at 9:30 a.m. came Squadron Leader Israel Brodie (at that time without his beard), who introduced himself as the newly appointed Jewish Chaplain to the Royal Air Force, Middle East Command.

He told us of his participation in the retreat of the Expeditionary Forces at Dunkirk and his safe return to London. He had been certain that for him World War II was over and he had therefore settled again to civil life and to his teaching.

It was very much astonishing several weeks later to be called to RAF Headquarters and to be requested to volunteer again for service with the RAF in the Middle East.

"Which Jew," he asked us, "could refuse such an offer by the same government which at the same time tried everything to keep out Jews from Palestine? To be sent to Palestine and at the expense of the British government was a 'mitava' and an offer no Jew could refuse to accept."

His explanation of his presence won him the goodwill of us all. Our appreciation of his personality and of the many services he was able to extend to us brought him nearer and

nearer to us — until we accepted him as one of us, to whom we could turn in all our personal needs and troubles.

HE INTERVENED successfully to lessen the great tension which existed in the beginning between us, the "natives" and the others; he fought, again successfully, against the different treatment we received during the first few months of our service in the RAF.

He fought not only for our rights, but he understood our mentality and was always accessible to us: a few words written to him and a short time later he would appear in the unit, whether in North Africa or Kenya. He very often visited Palestine as well and that enabled us to send messages through him to our families at a time when military censorship was keeping back our letters, sometimes for many weeks, leaving our families at home without any news from us, and vice versa. In this way he became the living and permanent contact between our families and us.

His meetings with us were very informal and therefore easily acceptable even for the least religious of us. He began normally with a detailed report of our situation, then he gave a very short sermon and closed with the Kaddish.

He was very popular not only with the Jewish airmen. During my stay with a very small RAF-unit in Eldoret (Kenya), he acted for several non-Jewish airmen, because their own chaplain didn't visit our unit for quite a considerable time.

I was pleased — and I believe I was not the only one of his former "sheep" to feel so, to learn, after the end of World War II, that he had become the Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth and was awarded, later, the KBE for his services.

Rabbi Brodie, who died in England last week at 83, will remain in the memories of ex-servicemen as long as we live. OSCAR A. MAREN.

Israelis prove their mettle in bridge

By GEORGE E. LEVINREW Post Bridge Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Israelis took six of the first eight places in the Individual, the opening event in the 13th Annual Israel Bridge Festival, here on Saturday night.

The two visitors who placed in the top eight were Scott of Britain, second, and Frenchman J. Georges, a member of the UNIFIL force stationed in Nahariya.

The winners and their scores in match points: 1. Moreno (Israel) 2212; 2. Scott (Britain) 2196; 3. Talit (Israel) 2179; 4. Elifant (Israel) 2159; 5. A. Schwartz (Israel) 2141; 6. Kaufman (Israel) 2088; 7. Ms. Dotan (Israel) 2049; 8. J. Georges (France) 2042.

International stars at the Festival, not previously announced, include Sammy Kehela and Gerry Charney of Canada, who played in the Maccahish last July, and Mrs. Kitzner and Mrs. Escottier of the Swiss international women's team.

Leaders after Sunday's first round of the two-session Mixed Pairs were Manhardt-Miss Korinek, an Austrian pair. The event concluded last night, with results due only this morning.

Sunday's standings: 1. Manhardt-Miss Korinek (Austria); 2. Ms. Salzman-Lucas (Israel); 3. Mr. and Mrs. Gerschman (Israel); 4. Ms. Moses-Golan (Israel); 5. Ms. Levine-Brass (Israel); 6. Mr. and Mrs. Frydreich (Israel); 7. Ms. Waysman-George (France).

The three-session team-of-four event begins tonight.

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Credit squeeze is blight to industry, Koor head charges
The five plagues of industry

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The present government "has inflicted, in the guise of an anti-inflation campaign, five devastating plagues on Israeli industry," Naftali Blumenthal, director-general of the Koor complex, said yesterday. He was describing the hardships of the country's industrialists in general and of Koor in particular, at a press conference at Beit Soker.



Sculpture in front of Koor headquarters in Tel Aviv.

"When I drew up this list, I tried to find ten plagues so I could make an allusion to those of the Bible," Blumenthal said. One of the newsmen told him, "wait a while, another five plagues are probably in the offing."

Blumenthal was all for an anti-inflation campaign, but he thought the present one was "only trying to lower the fever caused by the disease, and would not cure the disease."

This could be done only by stepping up production considerably, so goods would match the amount of money in the hands of the public.

"The present attempt by the government to control inflation through a monetary policy, had failed in the past and would probably fail this time too."

The "five plagues" were reducing the profitability so much that Israelis would stop exporting, losing their markets abroad. It would be extremely hard to regain these markets.

Moreover, the revolution in Iran has dealt Israel a heavy blow, especially since many of the items were exported to that country were designed specifically for that market. It is doubtful whether these items can be sold in other markets without being drastically redesigned.

Koor itself had "exported several tens of millions of dollars worth" to Iran in 1978, and payment was still due on part of these deals. Since most were shipped through a third country, the losses would not be borne by the Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Company.

However, Blumenthal studiously avoided saying who would lose money, Koor or some foreign insurance company. "We did plan to export tens of millions of dollars worth this year to Iran, and we have lost this market," he said.

Turning again to government

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Tel Aviv's Sinal hotel makes maximum use of its limited space.

Hotel chain woos the local holiday-maker

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israelis may not have as much money to spend as foreign visitors, but at least one hotel chain here wants local guests and is offering such free extras as horseback riding and massages to attract them.

The chain, Israel Resort Hotels (IRH), offers special long weekend rates at each of its five hotels, the Sharon in Herzliya, Rimon Inn in Safad, Galei Kinneret in Tiberias, Simra, Tel Aviv and Neptunim in Eilat. Many of the hotels are also offering discounts at local restaurants and night spots.

Uzi Werner, director of the chain, told The Post that his hotels make special efforts to attract Israelis as part of a general philosophy. For one thing, he said, the chain does not want to be dependent solely on foreign visitors. But more than that, IRH feels that it is important for the guest from abroad to meet his Israeli counterpart.

True to the chain's name, he said, the hotels are not just places to stay for the night, but holiday centres, where the visitors can enjoy themselves, with social activities available for all who want them.

Werner admitted that there is, at the moment, a certain "weakness" in the Israeli market, caused to a large degree by the availability of cheap holiday packages to such spots as Rhodes and Rumania.

The special rates, which range from IL1,399 at the Rimon Inn to IL1,599 at the Galei Kinneret, will be in effect until just before Pesach. They include half-board in a double-room for three days.

With the package, at the Sharon for example, comes the use of the heated swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball, table tennis, treatment by a qualified masseur, a free bottle of wine, a welcome drink

and a 10 per cent discount at the nearby Henry VIII Pub. The Rimmon Inn offers a choice of a horseback ride at Vered Hagalli, a boat ride across Lake Kinneret, or a sit lesson on Mt. Hermon (if there is snow).

At the same time, the chain, which is part of Hachsharat Hayishuv (Israel Land Development Ltd.), has big plans for the future. A hotel is planned for Jerusalem, as well as a vacation resort just outside the city. Both should be open in two to three years, Werner said.

He also said that IRH plans to erect a new hotel at the Dead Sea and another in Eilat. The company is planning a new wing with 150 rooms at the Neptunim.

Elsewhere in the country, it is redecorating the lobby of the Galei Kinneret and modernizing the kitchen there. The Tiberias hotel is also getting tennis courts.

At the Sinal, in Tel Aviv, work is underway in the lobby and conference rooms. Also planned for this hotel will be a daily swim and lunch club, at which businessmen from the area can have lunch and spend some time at the hotel's rooftop pool during their nighttime break.

But the big project at the moment is at the Sharon, where a new fitness centre is being completed. A team of sports and medical experts has designed a complete programme which includes swimming, exercises, games and hydrotherapy, including the Kneip hot and cold water treatment for relaxation.

All of this adds up, Werner stressed, to a general attitude towards the hotel business. This attitude is usually typified by the European resort hotel, in which the guest is an individual who returns year after year, certain that he will enjoy himself.

IL84m. to U.S.-Israel research

Over 250 projects involving hundreds of Israeli and American scientists will be awarded IL84m. this year by the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation.

The grants to the projects are derived from an Israeli-currency endowment fund established by both governments in 1973 to support science and technology investigations of mutual interest.

At their biennial meeting in Jerusalem the governors of the foundation are expected to approve the highest annual allocations of grants made, IL30m. of which will go to 100 newly selected projects. "The annual demands we receive for funds," says the foundation's executive director, Dr. Ze'ev Rotem, who will present the above plan to the binational board for approval, "are six or seven times the amount we can usually afford to allocate."

Over the past years the foundation has given the equivalent of \$18.2m. (IL147m.) to 578 research projects — projects which generally have paid back the funds invested with

pioneering research findings. Among the most recent developments of grantees: a simplified and inexpensive process was used for producing silicon solar cells that turn light energy into electricity

a chemical system capable of storing energy without the usual energy losses that occur

a revolutionary research method for injecting viral or genetic material into the nucleus of a cell and following all stages of intracellular development

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making hard phosphate soluble for use as a fertilizer at half the

normal (i.e. expensive) temperature normally required to do it

integrated (combined environmental and chemical) control of certain plant diseases

elucidation of physiological mechanisms by which animals naturally withstand desert environments

two new tools that function inside a nuclear accelerator to raise the state-of-art in atomic physics research

a newly patented aerogenerator to exploit wind energy.

The projects are conducted principally at Israeli institutions under collaborating scientists of both countries. For the first time the foundation will this year support research in social and behavioral sciences.

Due to the high measure of success it has attained, two new foundations specializing in industrial research and agriculture have just been established by the U.S. and Israel governments on the model of the Binational Science Foundation.

Hotels here not all that expensive

By BARUCH SAVILE
Post Travel Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tokyo is the most expensive city in the world for the traveling businessman, according to a survey of 66 cities undertaken by the London Financial Times.

Paris is 33 per cent more expensive than London. On a list of 26 tourism destinations ranked according to expense, Israel is 17th.

Tel Aviv is 29th of the 66 cities as being the most expensive for a night's stay in a hotel. A night at a London hotel, with breakfast, is 58 per cent more costly than in Tel Aviv. New York is 36 per cent higher than Tel Aviv, and even Amman is 21 per cent more expensive.

At half the cost of Tokyo Tel Aviv is less costly than Brussels, Frankfurt, Copenhagen, Geneva, Amsterdam, Stockholm, Oslo, Rio de Janeiro, Moscow, Montreal and Hongkong.

London is twice as expensive as Tel Aviv. However, Nairobi, Rome, Madrid, Johannesburg, Mexico City and Nicolas are cheaper than Tel Aviv, while Lisbon is a full 47 per cent cheaper.

A whisky is said to cost only IL31 in Tel Aviv, ranking it 31st out of 64 cities. In most places, a whisky costs up to four times as much as in Tel Aviv. A beer costing IL16 in Tel Aviv compares with about four times that much in Paris.

A light meal in Tel Aviv costing IL25 is 38th down the list. Brussels is twice as expensive as Israel and Tokyo five times as much.

Taxis in Tel Aviv cost only about one third of what they cost in Frankfurt. The lowest cost for a taxi ride is in Hongkong.

The survey was based on the cost of three nights bed and breakfast, two à la carte dinners in a first-class restaurant, three bottles of wine, one hotel lunch, two snack-type meals, one 5 km. taxi journey, half a litre of beer, and five whiskies.

Cabinet approves new appointments

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet Sunday approved the appointment of David Haguel as director-general of the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure. He replaces Yosef Vardi, who resigned.

Haguel, 50, who was brought to this country from Libya at the age of one, and grew up in Tel Aviv. Since 1946, he served in the Hagana and later in the IDF, where he rose to the rank of "Tal-Aluf," and the post of Judea and Samaria commander.

The Cabinet also approved the appointment of Uriel Linn as State Revenues Commissioner at the Treasury.

The appointment of Asaf Razin as director of the Economic Planning Authority at the Treasury was also approved. The Authority has not had an academic head since Prof. Michael Bruno resigned over two years ago.

Razin, 39, is Senior Professor of Economics at Tel Aviv University. He has published scores of research papers in the economic field.

Today the new director-general of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Yoram Ziv, takes up his post. The Cabinet approved his appointment earlier this month.

Tel Aviv to get new abattoir

TEL AVIV. — One central modern slaughterhouse will replace the dozens of smaller units — some of them illegal — scattered in the Carmel Market here now, the municipal spokesman announced yesterday.

The new abattoir will be part of the municipality's programme to redesign the Carmel Market, he said.

New Zealand - as dead as mutton

By GWYNNE DYER

Three hundred thousand tons of lamb and mutton is a lot of dead sheep, but then 75,000 tons of cheddar cheese used to seem like a lot of curdled milk. In 1971 that was how much meat and cheese New Zealand sold to Britain; this year it has sold no cheese, and the market for its lamb is being threatened.

New Zealand still has plenty of sheep and cows — in fact, it has little else — but it is getting more and more worried that no one will buy them. If they won't, the country will go broke.

Indeed, it is halfway there already. New Zealand is only maintaining its high living standards by running a trade deficit amounting to an astonishing 7 per cent of the entire GNP. Unemployment is soaring, and there is even some emigration.

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the sheep industry, geared to the British market, provides one-third of their national income.

It seems insane that a country whose economy depends almost entirely on exporting cheap food should be facing bankruptcy in a hungry world. It also seems more than a little odd, however, that any country should organize its whole economy around producing food for another country which is literally as far away as it could get and still be on the same planet.

In the good old days when Britain was rich, it made sense. New Zealand, the same size as Britain but with a population of only three million, could raise cheap food for Britain's industrial cities.

Unfortunately, it meant organizing New Zealand's agriculture to suit British tastes — cheese, butter and lamb — which rather restricted its alternative markets. The other places that have a taste for dairy products and mutton, like Europe and North America, produce plenty of their own. So when Britain joined the Common Market in 1973 and became entangled in its restrictive rules about food imports, the New Zealanders literally had nowhere else to turn.

The New Zealand government was a good deal too trusting about British loyalty and European goodwill during the negotiations before Britain joined the Common Market. Once it

became clear that EEC regulations could gradually push them out of their traditional British markets, the New Zealanders became much more active lobbying in Brussels — but it has all come too late.

Without any strategic resources like oil or uranium to bargain with, and belonging to none of the big trading blocs, New Zealand is being pushed over the edge of economic ruin almost casually.

The only people in the Common Market who eat a lot of lamb are the British. On the continent lamb is a luxury meat — indeed New Zealand's best hope is that Paris will block a Common Market "sheepment regime" to safeguard the ultra-high prices received by France's inefficient producers.

Otherwise, the New Zealanders face successive tightenings of the rules which will gradually destroy their market for lamb as has already happened to their dairy products. In the long run, a country producing cheap protein for the world should be all right economically, but over the next few years New Zealand may suffer enormous damage.

The prosperous, egalitarian, sheltered New Zealanders — recently called "the passionate people" by one of their own writers — are waking up to the fact that the foundations of their prosperity are crumbling, and that the crisis is more than temporary.

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Israel Aviv Stock Exchange — closing prices

Prices are stable, volume low as market stabilizes

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The market quieted down Monday after Sunday's "boomlet" in bonds... The market in all sectors fell significantly...

Fluctuations, although Carmel bearer rose from 379 to 398 to become "buyers only" while its registered rose from 350 to 369 to meet a demand of IL26,600...

profits, even taking inflation into consideration, during the last nine months of 1978. Teva yesterday informed the stock exchange that it was floating a new issue...

Most active shares

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Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Bond Name, Price, Change. Includes entries like 4% Gov't development, 2001 Group 1 Yield, etc.

New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - Feb. 19

The New York stock markets were closed yesterday for Washington's birthday holiday in the U.S.

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Hotels not all expensive

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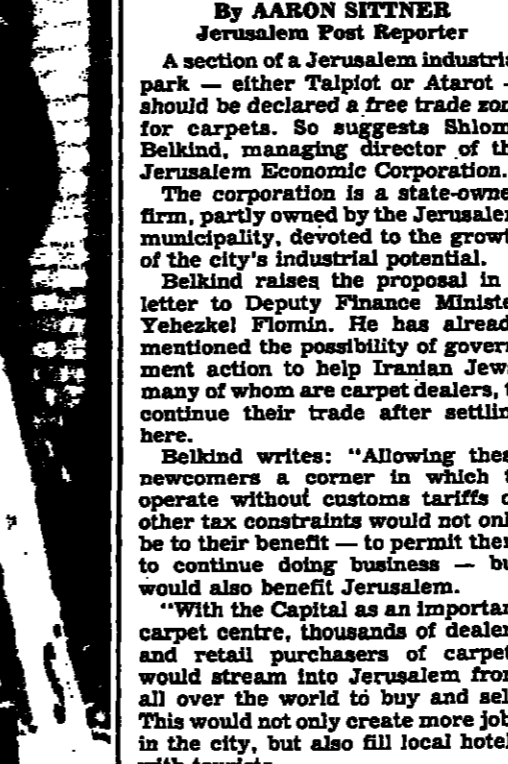
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Striking New Orleans policeman Stanley Burkhardt juggles oranges in front of a New Orleans police station. More than 1,100 members of the Louisiana state police and the state's National Guard were called in after police began their strike last Friday, forcing postponement or possible cancellation of the world-famous New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration. (AP wirephoto)

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THE VIEW FROM RIGHT OF CENTRE

Zalman Shoval, MK, criticizes the government's economic performance and discusses the future of his party, La' am, in an interview with Post Political Correspondent MARK SEGAL.



Zalman Shoval

decline in the ratio to the GDP since the Likud came to power."

THERE HAS been no economic "mahapach" (radical change), and the liberalization of foreign exchange was mismanaged, he declared. Even those countries without currency controls have methods for handling the hot money flow. His major criticism of Finance Minister Ehrlich's stewardship is that "there was no follow-up to his initial measures. We are still waiting for the second shoe to drop."

Despite official claims to the contrary, Shoval asserted, not only has there been no improvement in investments, but the situation has deteriorated. Money has gone into established ventures, and not in pioneering new fields. As to public employment, Shoval noted that "these have been two costly years." He mentioned the increase in this sector — during 1978 there were only 4,600 new industrial hands, while 29,000 people were hired by public services. Monthly municipal and governmental employment has declined.

Shoval regretted that the minister failed to take his advice in the 1978 budget debate, when he counseled him to calculate the 1979 budget on a zero basis — in other words, to start from scratch. Ehrlich had proceeded to continue with allocations without any analysis of the validity of the departmental functions receiving more money. The proposed three per cent blanket cut was too mechanical, leaving some obsolete operations while cutting vital areas out.

"Queried further on the Ehrlich plan, the Likud MK declared spiritedly: "I won't use everyone else's banalities, such as too-little-and-too-late, for I feel that the minister has evaded the prime issue of our growing balance of payments deficit. I appreciate that inflation is the Number One national issue, indeed it is the hottest political issue, but we have to examine the plan to ascertain whether it helps us with our balance of payments problem."

He appreciates the fact that if the government should seek to improve export profitability and reduce that of imports, inflation would go up. However, if export profitability is to remain constant in the coming year,

holding that this or that clause in the Camp David agreement or draft treaty was not crucial to the issue. He held that the acid test would be whether the West Bank, with or without autonomy, would become an area of coexistence between Jews and Arabs. He predicted that Israeli public opinion will soon enough divide into two camps: those who oppose leaving the West Bank and those favouring a return to the 1967 lines.

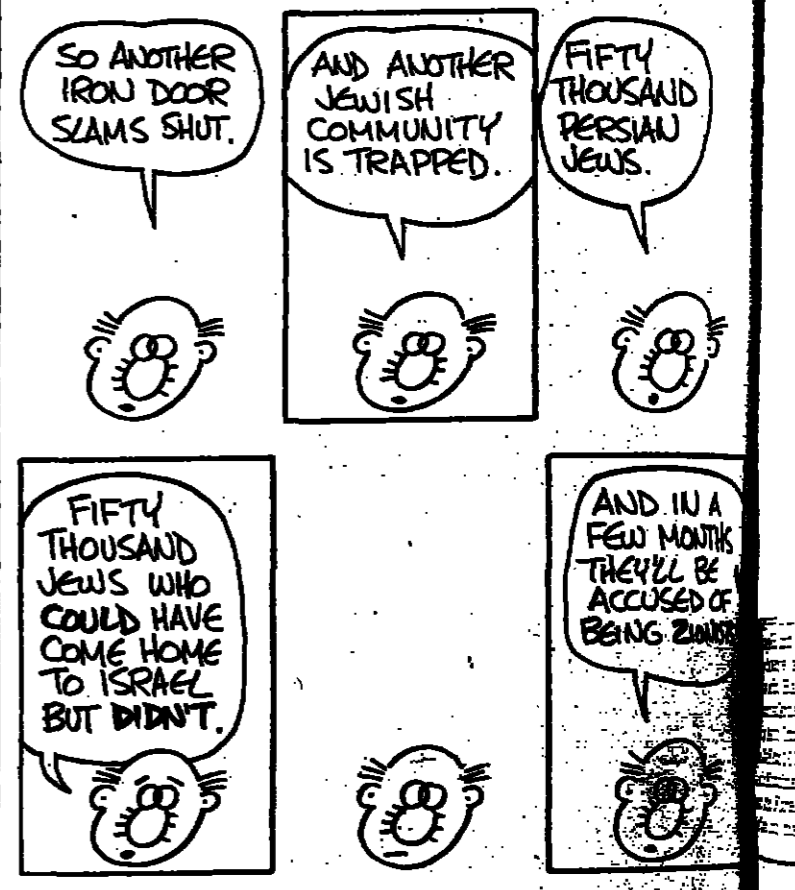
"I do not doubt that when it comes to the crunch both Moshe Dayan and Yigal Hurvitz will find themselves in the first camp," Shoval said, replying to a question regarding his attitude to the foreign minister. "I have never been his blind supporter," he said firmly, arguing that most of Dayan's decisions as defence minister had been borne out by events.

Though Shoval is still pushing the Forum for Political Discussions as an inter-party arena, and incidentally a Dayan platform, he said: "I have no idea what his political plans are, and I wouldn't advise anyone to gear his plans according to what he thinks Dayan may or may not do." Shoval was gratified at the result

of a public-opinion poll he had commissioned from Dr. Mina Zeman, the chief pollster of Moshe Ha'erachi, which produced 10 per cent positive replies to a question about support for a political movement led by himself. He was promote security as the number one consideration in settlement of the territories, while not precluding a Jewish-Yordanian or Arab sovereignty. Introduce a new economic policy involving restructuring aimed at enabling Israel to stand outside economic pressures.

He sees the poll as indicating growing public support for political movement if not a movement that favours such right-of-centre policies. While Shoval tended to interpret the 10 per cent response in terms of 33 MKs likely to be returned on such a political platform, euphoric eulogizing was not being Dr. Zeman, insofar as her leading response to his request for clarification could be gauged, pollster did, however, without closing professional secrets, urge to me the distinction between questionnaire concerning election results, and one testing trends in public opinion. "When I wrote report for Mr. Shoval I made it clear into which category the poll fell. More, I am not at liberty to disclose," she said.

Dry Bones



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Camp David hopes

THERE HAVE BEEN so many ostensibly "make-or-break" moments during the past fifteen months of nerve-racking negotiations that it seems unwise to use such dramatic epithets to designate this week's ministerial meeting at Camp David. And yet there is an unmistakable sense of finality in the air: if this latest negotiating round does not pave the way for a ceremonial summit that would clinch the accord, it is difficult to see the "peace process" surviving much longer.

Indeed, it may be considered remarkable that the process has survived this long without rupturing irreparably. Granted, the interests of all three parties in concluding the treaty have if anything grown more acute in light of recent events in the area. But in negotiations, just as progress creates momentum towards further progress, so too does prolonged stagnation inevitably dull the determination to move ahead. Thinking about and talking about what would happen if the treaty were not achieved also generate a momentum of their own — a negative momentum of resignation and despair.

As far as the Americans are concerned, President Carter has made it blatantly clear that he would not undertake another summit unless its success were entirely assured by the previous progress made on the ministerial level. For all Washington's keen and undisguised desire to attain the Israel-Egypt treaty, and thereby achieve a "stabilization" in at least part of this area and allay some uncomfortable strategic anxieties, there is no reason for us to doubt the President's words. A failure on the summit level would be a double ignominy for him, for it would put a retroactive seal of failure on the original Camp David summit, which had been so enthusiastically trumpeted as an historic success.

For Israel — as indeed for Egypt too — this "last chance" aspect of the "Camp David Two" encounter ought to be a primary consideration.

That does not mean that either side should or would capitulate on all of its outstanding demands. But it does mean that both sides must, as Foreign Minister Dayan said again at the weekend, draw upon yet-unplumbed resources of "courage and effort." On other occasions, Dayan has spelled out the message in less circumlocutory terms: both sides must compromise.

Above all, the "end of the road" atmosphere which surrounds the "Camp David Two" talks must surely dictate a rethinking of the legalistic approach that has held sway in both camps as the last few intractable issues of dispute have been fought out.

Obviously drafting is important, and legal formulations express — or conceal — political intentions. But the danger is that over-involvement in the minutiae of draftsmanship can blur a blurring of the broader political ends.

The current South-East Asian drama could be regarded as something of an object lesson. The Soviet policymakers, by all accounts, did not seek legal advice when taking their decision on whether and how to honour their obligations under their mutual defence pact with Vietnam. The considerations uppermost in their minds were not those of international law, but of power politics and military strategy.

This is not to say that the issues and intents that underlie Article Six of the Israel-Egypt draft treaty can be blithely ignored. It is certainly too late now — perhaps unfortunately so — to suggest that parts of the Article as drafted would have been better dispensed with: too much "learned literature" in the form of notes and opinions has grown up around it.

But hopefully Secretary Vance and his aides will be able to produce from their closely concealed brief for this conference a set of formulations that will satisfy the basic political concerns of both the protagonists — and thus pave the way towards the final signing of the peace treaty.

A new broom

IF THERE ARE no last-minute hitches, Yosef Lapid, one of Ma'ariv's senior editors will be named Director-General of the Broadcasting Authority at next Sunday's Cabinet session. Lapid was unanimously recommended for the post, replacing incumbent Yitzhak Livni, by the Authority plenum.

The Authority's mandate is, by means of its monopoly over all radio and television broadcasts in Israel, to inform, educate and entertain the Israeli public. In view of the ubiquitous presence of the Authority's electronic outlets in well over 90 per cent of Israeli homes, Lapid will for the next five years potentially wield a predominant influence in all three fields.

Whether he will turn potential influence into real impact and whether he will succeed in confronting the serious administrative and personnel challenges in the Authority, whose solution has eluded all his predecessors, is yet to be seen.

Lapid has amassed an impressive professional record in printed journalism, as well as in producing radio and TV programmes. The fact that he was chosen to head the Authority despite his being a complete outsider is a comment on the poisonous internal relationships in those media which effectively ruled out the choice of an inside candidate.

In the somewhat byzantine corridors of Israel's political and journalistic communities Lapid is reputed to be a "rightist hawk" chosen for the job by a Likud government with an express mandate to clean out the "Leftist Mafia" from television house. (Radio is never mentioned in this respect because, one suspects, our narcissistic politicians prefer watching to hearing themselves.)

This may well have been the Likud's intention in the Authority. It would be regrettable, however, if Mr. Lapid would choose to don that mantle when even such an inveterate "left-baiter," like the Likud's Aharon Pappo, has finally come around to admitting that TV's problem is not so much a "leftist Mafia" as a "nest of narcissists."

Mr. Lapid will have his work cut out for him in dealing with entrenched prima donnas, and with the journalists and technicians staff committees who are even today curtailing radio and TV broadcasts.

The outgoing director-general, Yitzhak Livni, has to his credit many cumulative improvements in the form and content of broadcasts. But he, like his two predecessors, was worn down by the incessant personal conflicts in the Authority.

Mr. Lapid would do well to learn from these past failures. What is needed is the immediate projection of a record of fair, strong-handed leadership which is clear about its goals.

Even flirting with the idea of being a political commissar would automatically undermine the reservoir of goodwill and potential staff cooperation without which no director can succeed. Mr. Lapid would thus be advised to show a strong hand not only internally, but towards his political patrons as well. We wish him well.

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ZALMAN SHOVAL, No. 2 in the Hurvitz wing of the Likud's La'am faction, and possibly soon to succeed or replace him, has joined the critics of the government's economic performance. He warns that unless Premier Begin and Finance Minister Ehrlich reveal tough leadership, the new economic plan may prove to be a non-starter. It is likely to fuel the inflationary flames while not rectifying our balance of payments deficit, he says.

The 48-year-old banker-politician spent most of last year as special information adviser to Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. He was obliged to quit when Hurvitz went out on his fierce anti-Camp David limb. Shoval entered politics through the Old Mapai youth circle, leaving to Rafi when it split in 1966. He served some years in the Foreign Ministry after studying for his BA (economics and international relations) at the University of California at Berkeley, and his MA at the University of Geneva's Institute of International Studies.

Shoval has the historical distinction of having entered the Knesset in 1970, succeeding to David Ben-Gurion's place in the State List faction. He worked closely with Gad Ya'acobi on Rafi's economic policies, but shifted rightwards when the party merged into Labour. He is currently working on the draft of his ideas for incorporation in the Likud economic plank in its 1977 electoral programme. He regrets that the Likud government has not carried them out.

The original sin was the "mysterious way" Premier Begin chose to man his Cabinet's economic portfolios, Shoval said, revealing that he refrained from rejoining the Finance Committee because he sought to avoid clashing with his party's economic policy-makers. He is currently working on the draft of his own proposals for economic policy for the next two years, pointedly noting that relatively little time remains for the Likud to get things moving before the next general elections. Israel's political independence hinges on its freeing itself from foreign economic dependency, he stressed. Feeling that the government is not properly managing the economy, the Likud MK said he intends to focus on points of weakness. The fundamental problem is that only 24.8 per cent of the labour force are employed in industry, while 60 per cent are engaged in service occupations, one-half of which get paid from the public till.

He compared our situation with that in Switzerland, a land lacking in raw materials, where the emphasis is on private services, and yet 45 per cent of the labour force is employed in industry. "Moreover," Shoval said, "if we measure public spending on the basis of the Gross Domestic Product, we find that most welfare-oriented countries do not allow it to top the 40 per cent line, whereas with us it exceeds 60 per cent, taking into account as well public sector expenditure such as that of the Jewish Agency. I fear that there has been no

READERS' LETTERS

ISRAEL'S GAZELLES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to Ya'acov Friedler's article of February 9 concerning a proposal to permit controlled hunting of gazelles in the Galilee. Hunting is not the best way of reducing the herd of gazelles, indeed it may be the worst, and it may backfire.

Species such as the gazelle tend to respond to controlled hunting pressure by compensating in various ways. Usually, they simply increase their birth rate and often produce twins. This tends to maintain the population numbers, but causes its average age to drop. Consequently, you have many young, growing and hungry gazelles that can cause a greater problem for the agricultural community.

The hunting of gazelles could precipitate after each hunting season, a post-war baby boom. This is experienced in many areas of the United States after deer-hunting season. At the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey, for example, the habitat supports about 800 deer. Farmers complained there were too many and the U.S. authorities opened a controlled hunting season. About 300 deer were killed every year, but by the following spring, there were 800 deer again, farmers complained again.

PENFRIENDS

KENNETH EMERA NWANAFORD (19), of Malls Section F & T Dept., Owerri, Nigeria, would like to correspond with Israelis between the ages of 17 and 22. His hobbies are communications and sports.

PAUL DOUGLAS (17), of 455 Abbey Road, Belvedere, Kent, England, is planning to study nursing and would like to correspond with an Israeli girl who has just started to study nursing.

and the vicious cycle repeated itself. Population dynamics of wildlife are a complex field, but generally, wild animals build populations to the point where they can use the maximum amount of the sustaining habitat. If there is adequate food, water and territory, only an un-restricted hunting campaign could substantially reduce their numbers in a long-time programme. I do not think this is wise.

Furthermore, hunting has many social consequences. It tends to deprive nature lovers of the use of wilderness during hunting season, and hunting season is usually conducted in the fall, one of the best times to go hiking, camping or photographing nature. The presence of armed hunters who tend to become reckless even with the best-meant controls, discourages other people from enjoying the wilderness.

There are many other reasons for your Nature Reserves Authority which is doing a wonderful job at wildlife restoration) to continue its prohibition of gazelle hunting. But suffice it to say at this point that controlled hunting is biologically unsound, socially reprehensible, and ethically bad.

BILL CLARK, Vice-President, Friends of Animals New York.

COUNT ME IN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — May I join Doris Lanxin in her fantasy "If I were Prime Minister" (February 8), and add my signature to her letter to President Carter.

Thanks for the article DR. YEHUDITH SHALITIEL Jerusalem.

THE SHARETT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish to comment on the closing paragraph in Meir Ronnen's article "Fishing for Fischer" which appeared on February 2.

The America-Israel Cultural Foundation revises its policy and procedures whenever it finds that it can better answer the changing needs of the arts in Israel.

Our Board has recently decided to discontinue one aspect of our Sharett Scholarship Programme, i.e., the scholarships for one or two years of academic studies abroad and the registration for them. The purpose is to make greater funds available for the short-term fellowships for experienced artists and teachers, and for bringing well-known experts and artists to Israel for meaningful periods of work here — master classes, workshops, seminars, etc.

As we have received certain questions following this article, we wish to make it clear that we do indeed continue and constantly expand the Sharett Scholarship Programme within Israel itself — over 330 professional students of all the arts have received scholarships this year, covering at least half of their respective tuition fees and in many cases much more. In addition, we have granted over 110 scholarships for beginning students in music and dance in culturally underprivileged areas.

We are going to announce the registration for the 1979-80 scholarships in Israel at the beginning of March. GIDEON FAZ Executive Vice President, America-Israel Cultural Foundation Tel Aviv.

LICENCE TO KILL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Two Israelis will be killed today, two more will die tomorrow and two more every day until the end of the year. This is not the statement of a Farah, an Eichmann or the PLO. These are facts of life (or death) regarding Israeli inhumanity to Israelis on the roads of our country. I regret to state that Dr. Singer's article of January 17 describing our drivers' personalities as suicidal, homicidal and manifesting lack of consideration for other road users, both vehicular and pedestrian is absolutely correct.

Doctor Goldsmith's suggestions of February 5 backed up by statistics obtained from anywhere but Israel do not get to the root of the trouble — the Israeli driver. Traffic rules and regulations made for safe driving are openly flouted by drivers who run a minimum risk of being caught. The norms of consideration and common courtesy are ignored, thereby infuriating other road users, who in turn go out of their way to show the offender that they can be just as awkward, often causing accidents with a third party involved.

Safer cars, safer roads, safer safety belts are all essential safer drivers are the major priority. More police traffic patrols, sentinal, as are on the spot, more traffic safety volunteers, more public coverage of known driver spots. The authorities should talk, confer and study to act now. BERNARD HERSHBERG

Herzliya.

TV NEWS IN ENGLISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I note that many speaking people are hearing news in English from Jordan.

In view of the many Israeli tries or who understand Arabic could Israel TV not broadcast programmes of news in English? I am sure that the amount of engineering would more than pay for the expense. Netanya.

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